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A CIA Louse-Up That Would Be Really Cosmic

Any document in the classified files of the Central Intelligence Agency and which contains information of value to Russia, China or any other potential enemy on the globe ought to be kept in the classified files, as any sensible American would agree.

Conversely, any document in possession of the CIA/ and which did not contain information of value to a potential enemy anywhere on the globe, ought not to be kept from the public. That is certainly implicit in the law governing the CIA, or any other department of the Government, regardless of whether it is explicitly stated or not.

But while this set of conditions regarding documents applies to matters involving potential enemies on the globe, does it apply and should it apply to potential enemies that are off the globe such as the little green men, blue gnats, or whatever, they are that go zooming through our skies in assorted vehicles commonly termed Flying Saucers or Unidentified Flying Objects?

The question is much more important that at first it may seem to be.

How it has happened to arise is through the report in Saturday Review, for September 3, that the CIA approved for classified all but one of the former-

ly secret "dossiers the Air Force has kept on the 'UFOs,'" and on that one has permitted the publication of an edited version.

The edited version of the report — the minutes of a meeting of "eminent" scientists headed by H. P. Robertson of the California Institute of Technology" 13 years ago — owes all of its importance today to what has been edited out of it. How much that may be — the missing part — is something that only a handful of men know, each of them silent as the Sphinx. But whatever it is, it must be pretty hot stuff for it to remain too hot to publish after all these years.

Furthermore, it is difficult to see how the material edited out could be of any importance to the Russians, Chinese or any other of our potential enemies

of a terrestrial nature after this length of time. In fact, if anything is truly impossible in this crazy world, that is, for if there were any such information in a 13-year-old document, then that should mean that the CIA must think the Russians have been marking time for better than a decade.

But surely the CIA doesn't think that, and so the only remaining possibility is that the CIA edited the stuff out because they felt it might prove of value to potential extra-terres-

trial enemies — to the little green men themselves.

And that, of course, says as plain as can be that the CIA is not only thoroughly convinced of the existence of these odd-ball beings but also has powerful evidence that they know English.

This is frightening news. It ought to panic most people — even those of us who have been expecting some such development all along.

But even we haven't panicked yet — and since we panic easy, we wonder why.

An intensive hour of concentration revealed the answer. We, and doubtless countless others, are just so mystified that panic can't break through.

And what is the mystery? It consists of nothing other than how the CIA has managed to learn that the little green men speak English, an obvious point that instantly raises questions.

Could it be that the CIA has been in communication with the little green men for years now, and is struggling to effect some kind of alliance with them? Of could it be that the CIA/ having got in touch with them, is trying to take them over — using some of the vast funds at its disposal as a means of promoting a revolution among them in order to get the new regime on our side in the current world struggle?

Alas. There is just no way of knowing. All we can do is hope that this super secret organization of ours will not do as it has done too often in the past — louse things up.

For if it does, the louse-up would be of literally cosmic proportions, and hence completely final.